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Influenza vaccines: Coming soon to Army clinics

ERMC Public Affairs

The influenza vaccine has begun arriving in Europe and will be distributed to Army medical facilities soon, signaling the start of an annual Army campaign to provide mandatory vaccinations for Soldiers and a full immunization program for all Army health care beneficiaries.

The Europe Regional Medical Command's Force Health Protection Office is finalizing plans for the 2007-2008 influenza season.

Beneficiaries should begin looking for announcements about local vaccination programs in the Herald-Post and local AFN affiliates this month.

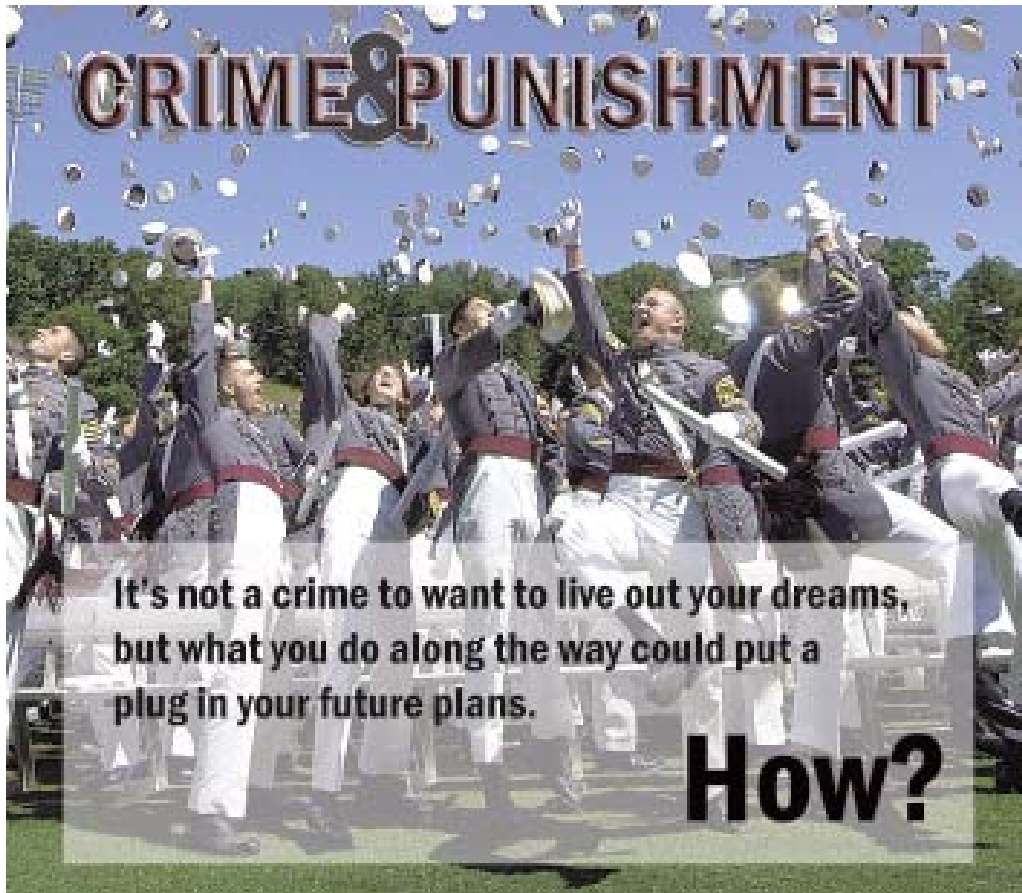
This year's goal is to immunize 95 percent of the active-duty population by Dec. 31.

One change for this year's program in Europe will be more widespread use of a form of the vaccine that resembles a nasal spray. Known commercially as FluMist, this vaccine is recommended for most people ages 5 - 49.

The type of vaccine an individual receives will depend on age and contributing health factors, such as pregnancy or pre-existing allergies, officials said.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta publishes guidelines for influenza vaccinations, and the Army will follow those guidelines in its annual campaign.

For more information about the benefits of receiving the annual vaccination, visit www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/vaccination/.



Misconduct means 'serious business'

By Dave Melancon Herald-Post Staff

A recent Heidelberg High School graduate applied to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. An admissions officer called the USAG Heidelberg's Civilian Misconduct Action Authority Program office to check on a minor drug infraction.

Could the student be rejected by the USMA as the result of a CMAA action? Yes.

According to Ralph Brecht, the garrison's assistant CMAA, this can and does happen.

As part of its admission procedures, the academy checked with the Army's central recordkeeping center and found that the applicant had a record. The admissions office called Heidelberg to confirm it.

Records of criminal activity and other serious infractions adjudicated by CMAA are "serious business," Brecht said. Official misconduct records can follow individuals for many years - up to 40 in some cases.

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Are we ready?

By Christine June USAG Kaiserslautern

September was one busy month for force protection exercises that kicked off shortly after Labor Day and ended Friday with U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern's Warrior Response 2007 held on Landstuhl Regional Medical Center.

This month, USAG

Kaiserslautern's force protection team took part in exercises and training seminars that included U.S. Army Europe's Guardian Shield Sept. 11-13 in Heidelberg, U.S. Air Forces in Europe's and 3rd Air Force's Flexible Response taking place Sept. 18-20 on Ramstein Air Base, and host nation's Mutual

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Dave Melancon

Firefighters carry a simulated casualty during exercise Warrior Response Friday on Landstuhl.

Vandals cost community €3,500 in playground repairs

By Art McQueen Herald-Post Staff

Unknown vandals destroyed several bubbles in the crawl-tunnel walls at the large playground near the Patrick Henry Village chapel, leaving dangerous sharp-edged holes in the plastic glass tunnel walls.

The incident was discovered during an annual safety check of the playground by Christian Spille, Heidelberg garrison safety officer, Sept. 27. Repairs from this one attack cost the community nearly \$580.

The playground has been "hit" by similar damage four to five times over the past year, according to James Thompson, garrison public works specialist. The total cost to the community for repairing the damage for this one playground is more than €3,500, or \$5,000.

Though the damage was repaired as soon as possible, "Smaller children might have suffered severe cuts if they put hands, arms or worse through the holes,"

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COMMAND MESSAGE

Be part of the solution: Help prevent home fires

By Col. Robert J. Ulses
Commander
USAG Heidelberg

The U.S. Army Garrison Heidelberg has had several recent housing fires resulting in serious damage to property. Fortunately, there was no loss of life.

We've been lucky, if you consider more than \$5,000 damage to property as an acceptable loss. I do not! The

fires were preventable and the result of carelessness.

That we haven't had a fatality yet is another kind of luck, the kind we don't want to rely on.

The law of averages is going to catch up and some unlucky person will perish from injuries in a fire that should have never happened.

Unattended stoves, electrical fires and poorly placed lit

candles are the main contributors to quarters fires.

In every case, if the person had thought of the possible consequences, he would not have been so careless in the use of these items.

Each of you is responsible for safety at home and in your workplace, not just during the upcoming Fire Prevention Week, which runs Oct. 7-13.

Loss of replaceable fur-

nishings results in dollars not being applied where they are most effective in our community.

But this loss pales when compared to the loss of even one life in a fire. Remember that housing fires very often result in damage to other people's homes, furnishings and keepsakes, and that there can be fatalities beyond your home.

We are swiftly approaching the seasonal holidays that call for decorations and often the use of candles or oil lamps.

Be sure your holiday and everyday decorations are fire retardant, costumes for trick-or-treating are flame resistant, and you never give a lit candle to a child.

Our goal is no loss of life or property from avoidable accidents and incidents.

COMMENTARY

Army wives lead interesting lives, with or without Hollywood

By Chelsea Iliff
Fort Huachuca Scout

FORT HUACHUCA, Ariz.- I've been an Army wife for five years now.

While I'm intrigued by the idea of the new Lifetime television show called *Army Wives*, here are a few true, albeit less dramatized, things they might forget to cover.

My garage is full of boxes that won't be unpacked. What's the point? We're moving again in five months. Paint the walls? Maybe in the next house.

My parents are starting to think we're members of a nomadic tribe.

The Army song is stuck in my head. My laundry is filled with black shorts and grey t-shirts. I gasp at the price of cereal at stores other than the commissary.

I spent more than three years watching Armed Forces Network television and can recite many of their "commercials." My husband needs more "civilian" clothes.

Not Hollywood enough?

My husband has been deployed to Iraq twice for a total of 24 months.

I learned quickly that "deployment friends" are unlike any other friends. These are the people who not only listen to you complain about missing your spouse, but also empathize because they're right there experiencing it with you.

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These friends perform duties unlike any other. They take you out to celebrate your birthday and anniversary. They not only understand when you're speaking in military tongues (i.e. "Did Joe have to leave the FOB today?"), but they speak it, too. They're there when Soldiers leave, and there when Soldiers come home.

Perhaps most importantly, deploy-

ment friends see you through every day of what can be a very long and lonely separation.

My husband and I left Germany in May, and other families assigned to the former USAG Giessen left shortly thereafter.

It's difficult now to have my confidantes spread all over the world. These ladies are my battle buddies, through and through. This is one area where Hollywood better get it right.

It's difficult for those who move regularly to maintain steady employment. This has been a consistent frustration of mine.

As soon as I get settled in a job, we move somewhere else. In five years, I've worked in the fields of public affairs and education, and that's only

by being extremely persistent.

My degrees are in political science and journalism; however, I'm learning to adapt and be flexible. I learn something with each new place. My skill base continues to grow.

My husband and I wrestle with the issue of children and timing. We don't have children now, but desperately want to get started. But, is now the right time?

The military is full of super-moms and dads who impress me beyond explanation. I hope Hollywood can adequately portray how special and unique it is to be a military family.

I'm thankful for the new *Army Wives* show. Surely it will show our country what an amazing and unique strata we are.

However, only those of us on the inside know what it's really like to live this life. From constant moves and friendships to jobs and children, I'm pretty sure the new "Army Strong" slogan extends to wives, as well.

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A trip down memory lane

83-year-old orthodontist remembers military life in Heidelberg after WWII

By Dave Melancon
Herald-Post Staff

Sometimes an old warrior's memories carry lessons for those serving today.

Dr. Henry Zaytoun, an orthodontist visiting Germany from Raleigh, N.C., relived some his memories last month and saw many parallels between World War II and today's global war on terrorism.

The 83 year old had a front-row view of history as it unfolded during his tour of duty as a staff orthodontist on Campbell Barracks from 1946 until 1948. Although commissioned as a naval officer, Zaytoun was assigned to the 3rd U.S. Army because of a shortage of dentists and orthodontists.

The days when the kaserne was known only as a command post and Heidelberg struggled to rebuild its community and economy were memorable, said the former lieutenant junior grade.

"The German people really suffered from the cold and a lack of fuel and food. It was a very austere time for the Germans," Zaytoun said. "The Americans tried to support them as much as they could. The people tried to make the best of a bad situation."

Life was pretty easy for the combat veterans and members of the U.S. Constabulary serving on the installation, he said.

"These were the guys who had been through it all," he said. "It was a relaxed situation for them."

"There were some anxious moments from time to time but nothing to get too disturbed about. You exercised a little care when you went out."

The day that shaped his military career and the rest of his life took place in an Erlangen replacement depot during the spring of 1946 while he was waiting for his assignment to the 3rd Army Headquarters.

That day, Zaytoun traveled to Nürnberg to observe the ongoing Trial of the Major War Criminals Before the International Military Tribunal, better known as the Nürnberg Trials, which ran from 1945 until 1949.

Sitting in the dock at the Palace of Justice were some of the highest ranking Nazi officials,



Dave Melancon

Dr. Henry Zaytoun, a former 3rd Army orthodontist who served in the Heidelberg area from 1946-48, stands in front of his former quarters on Friedrich-Ebert-Anlage. The building was known then as the Hotel Victoria.

he said.

Zaytoun said he remembers seeing defendants Hermann Göring, Rudolf Hess, Albert Speer, Karl Dönitz, Joachim von Ribbentrop and Dr. Hjalmar Schacht.

"The defendants came across as very evil people. People had not realized how evil this regime had been," he said. "Looking at those defendants, the evilness just emanated from them. I saw something there that was just bad, very bad."

The most famous hearing was for 24 senior Nazi leaders. Their trial ran from Nov. 20, 1945 until Oct. 1, 1946. The trials for all of the war criminals continued until 1949. Robert H. Jackson was the chief U.S. prosecutor.

Zaytoun said he was impressed by Jackson's presentation and the gravity of the proceedings. Most of all, he said, he was proud of his country.

"However we got into this war was justified to bring an end to that type of brutality, that type of government, that type of philosophy," he said. "I was proud to be an American."

Later that day, Zaytoun explored the city and saw the destruction and the Nazi monuments. He saw German people digging through rubble for belongings and for building materials.

"I could visualize Hitler standing up there and looking out over the mass crowds," he said.



Courtesy of U.S. National Archives

Telford Taylor, U.S. counsel for the prosecution during the Nürnberg Trials, delivers his opening statement.

That day in the war-ravaged city and his reactions to the trial were the defining moments in his life, Zaytoun said.

Since his tour of duty, Zaytoun has made several trips to Germany with his family. Their itinerary usually includes his former Heidelberg duty station and Nürnberg. Unfortunately, he has not been able to talk with Germans who were living during the war or the trials, he said. However, he has talked with many younger Germans about the period and its aftermath.

"The German people of today recognize it was a bad thing," he said. "They say it is time to move on to new things, better things and make a better world."

There are many parallels between Zaytoun's tour of duty and for those men and women serving today, he said.

As the world's most powerful

and freest nation, the United States had a duty and obligation to become embroiled in the Second World War and the rebuilding of Europe and Asia, he said.

"Many people in the United States said that was not our affair and let the Europeans take care of themselves," Zaytoun said. "Ultimately, it did become our affair and it became our affair in a very profound fashion, at the cost of many thousands of American Soldiers' lives."

The United States still shoulders that obligation, he said.

"Some may say Iraq is not our affair," he said. "When freedom is put down where ever, it affects all of us. We had a responsibility to secure freedom in Europe in the 1940s, then the same responsibility lies with us today in the Middle East or in any other part of the world."

Limits increased on travel cards

USAREUR

A new credit limit program that gives official travelers higher credit lines on their government travel cards started Monday. The increase is part of the Department of Defense-approved Government Travel Charge Card Credit Limit Increase Pilot Program.

The program allows for a permanent increase in the default credit amount from \$5,000 to \$7,500 for standard accounts and from \$2,000 to \$4,000 for restricted accounts. In addition, ATM cash withdrawal limits will increase from \$515 to \$665 for standard accounts and from \$265 to \$365 for restricted accounts, said Steve Bridges director of finance operations of U.S. Army, Europe's 266th Finance Command.

"Airline tickets to the states can cost up to \$1,500. Add to that \$300 a week for a car rental and \$100 a night for a hotel room, and the traveler will have used \$4,500 of his or her \$5,000 standard default credit limit without food, gasoline and airport shuttle service," Bridges said.

An increase in the default credit limits will allow travelers to have sufficient credit to cover all official travel expenses without having to request a temporary credit increase before or during their travel, Bridges said. The cash and credit limit are scheduled to expire Nov. 29, 2008. Another change in the GTCC program went into effect Sept. 10 when Bank of America, the government travel charge card contractor, began deactivating accounts that have not been used in three years.

Approximately 578 Army in Europe GTCC accountholders could be impacted by this account deactivation, Bridges said.

If a cardholder with a deactivated account is required to travel, the cardholder's Agency Program Coordinator should contact the GTCC contractor to reactivate the account. Bridges advises that all travelers check with their unit APCs to ensure their cards are still valid and activated before starting a trip.

COMMUNITYnews

Lime Fertilizer to be Sprayed

The The German State Forestry Administration is authorizing helicopters belonging to Weber Flugdienste from Hahn Airport to spray lime fertilizer from now until Nov. 30 on forested areas throughout the region around Kaiserslautern.

More than 12,000 acres are scheduled to undergo fertilizing, including the forest between Panzer Kaserne and Hochspeyer. U.S. military safety and air operations officials have been in direct contact with the Rheinland-Pfalz Forest Authority.

These routine aerial fertilization flights will consist of intermittent spraying on a weekly basis. Helicopters will return to their home base on Hahn on the weekends. The spraying is an annual precautionary measure taken by the German Forest Ministry to protect the trees from acid rainfall.

According to German Forestry experts, the fertilizer is not known to be harmful to humans. The spray will appear as a white powder, and, just as a precaution, officials recommended avoiding contact on clothing and vehicles.

No U.S. military wooded training or populated areas are scheduled to be sprayed.

Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 7-13. Be sure to practice your escape plan with your family so you are prepared in an emergency. See [page 6](#) for details and Fire Prevention Week events taking place around USAG Heidelberg communities. www.firepreventionweek.org.

Government Vehicle Sale

The Inter-Agency Fleet Management Services in Mannheim announces a government vehicle sale through live Internet auction through Oct. 7. Vehicle photos, descriptions and minimum bid starting prices can be found online at www.vebeg.de.

More than 90 vehicles are available for public viewing starting today from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. adjacent to Building 1609 on Spinelli Barracks. For details, call Andreas Pistoia at DSN 334-2936, civilian 06134-604936.

Fuel Coupon Extension

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service announced that the current Fuel Coupon Series 8, which expired Sept. 30, will be extended for acceptance at AAFES gas stations and Esso and Aral (on the autobahn) stations until Nov. 30. The new series should be for sale at the end of October.

Army Legal Education Program

The Office of The Judge Advocate General is now accepting applications until Nov. 1 for the Army's Funded Legal Education Program. Under this program, the Army project sending up to 25 active-duty commissioned officers to law school beginning the fall of 2008. Interested officers should contact their local Staff Judge Advocate for more information.

Mannheim 'feels the rhythm'



Christine Gebhard

Performers entertain U.S. Army Garrison Mannheim community members with Latino music at the Mannheim Top Hat Club Sept. 26 in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Community celebrates Hispanic Americans

By Christine Gebhard
USAG Mannheim Public Affairs

Mannheim community members, to include elementary school students, packed the Top Hat Club Sept. 26 to recognize accomplishments of Americans of Hispanic descent.

Volunteers played popular Latino tunes, encouraging the audience to "feel the rhythm." It set the stage for the guest speaker, 72nd Signal Battalion's Command Sgt. Maj. Angel Ramos.

He recalled that Hispanic Americans have a long and important history of commitment to the nation's core values, but that it wasn't until 1968 that Congress authorized President Lyndon B. Johnson to proclaim National Hispanic Heritage Week.

Twenty years later, in 1988, it was expanded to a month-long celebration, during which traditions, ancestry and unique experiences of those who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico, the countries of Central and South America and the Caribbean are put on display.

"America is strengthened by the hard work and leadership of the Hispanic community," Ramos said. "While the most visible influence of Latinos is found in music, sports, film and food, Hispanic Americans are also a driving force in business, science, education and politics."

He then focused on the accomplishments of Hispanics who fought in every war since the founding days of the nation.

"Forty-two Hispanic Americans have earned our nation's highest military decoration, the Medal of Honor, which is more than any other ethnic group in proportion to the number who have served," Ramos said.

The 65th Infantry, an all Puerto Rican Regiment, served with honors in World War I, World War II, and particularly the Korean War.

"A total of 61,000 Puerto Ricans served in the military during the Korean War, most of them volunteers," he said.

"Ten Distinguished Service Cross medals, 256

"Forty-two Hispanic Americans have earned our nation's highest military decoration, the Medal of Honor, which is more than any other ethnic group in proportion to the number who have served."

- Command Sgt. Maj. Angel Ramos
72nd Signal Battalion

Silver Star medals and 606 Bronze Star medals for valor were awarded to the men of the 65th Infantry, along with battle participation credits for nine campaigns."

The story of this regiment's members lives on in "The Borinqueneers," the title of a documentary film, which was aired in August 2007 by PBS television stations, giving credit to the only all-Hispanic unit in the history of the U.S. Army.

"I myself, come from a family of nine," Ramos said. "We were raised by my mother, as my father passed away when I was only 4. All my brothers have served in the military. I knew, I too would serve."

"How did I get where I am today? Simply put: my mother instilled in me the will to succeed."

He said he would continue to ensure that all Soldiers are given the opportunity to excel, regardless of race, gender or origin. "As leaders we owe it to our Soldiers – to provide them the very best; we cannot fail them."

Garrison hosts fire prevention events next week

Fire Department USAG Heidelberg

The U.S. Army Garrison Heidelberg fire departments remind community members to "Practice Your Escape Plan" during this year's Fire Prevention Week, which is Oct. 7-13.

During the fire safety campaign, firefighters will spread the word about the dangers of home fires and teach Soldiers, family members, civilian employees and contractors how to plan and practice escaping from their home or office in a fire.

More than 3,000 people died in 2005 in home fires in the United States, according to the latest National Fire Protection Association research. That averages out to roughly eight deaths every day in the U.S. alone.

Knowing what to do to escape from a fire are extremely important.

Yet only 23 percent of households have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan.

"Sometimes there are only seconds to escape, but there's no question that having a plan in place that has been practiced saves precious time and makes survival more likely," said Mike Eberlein, USAG Heidelberg fire protection specialist.

"Fire departments hope Fire Prevention Week will prompt folks in our community to plan and practice their escape," he said.



Are you prepared for a fire?

Although it's difficult to prepare for the unexpected, reviewing the information below and taking action to plan for a fire is strongly recommended.

- ◆Ensure installed smoke alarms are working and tested monthly.

- ◆Develop and practice a fire escape plan that identifies two ways out of each room and establishes a family meeting place outside.

- ◆If you do not have two ways out of each room in your house or apartment, have what the firefighters call a passive escape plan: -Engage your passive escape plan by sealing all doors and vents with duct tape or wet towels to prevent smoke from entering the room. Open a window at the top and bottom so fresh air can enter. Be ready to close the window immediately if it draws smoke into the room.

- Call the fire department and let them know you are still inside the building.

- Wave a flashlight or light colored cloth at the window to let the fire department know where you are located.

- Alert a firefighter by making noise such as banging items together, whistling or calling out. Stay calm.

- Remember to practice your home fire escape plan at least twice a year.

Local Events

DARMSTADT

Prevent Kitchen Fires

Oct. 9, 10-11 a.m.

Kelley Barracks Dining Facility

Fire Truck Display

Oct. 10, 11-11:45 a.m.

Darmstadt School

Fire Educational Give Away

Oct. 10, 1-2 p.m.

Commissary

Fire Extinguisher Class

Oct. 11, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Dagger Complex

MANNHEIM

Fire Truck Displays

Oct. 9, 9-11 a.m., 1-3 p.m.

Mannheim Elementary School

Oct. 10, 9-11 a.m.

Child Development Center

Oct. 10, 3-5 p.m.

FCC Services, Building 742

Oct. 12, 3-5 p.m.

School Age Services

Kitchen Fire Demonstrations

Oct. 12, noon-2 p.m.

Taylor Barracks, Building 400

Oct. 13, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Commissary parking lot

HEIDELBERG

Open House

Oct. 7-8, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Fire Stations in Heidelberg and

Germersheim

Oct. 12, 9 a.m.-noon

Fire Station Germersheim

Oct. 13, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Fire Stations Heidelberg and

Germersheim

Rescue via Aerial Ladder Truck

Oct. 9, 10-11 a.m.

Campbell Barracks, Building 13

Fire Fighting Rescue

Demonstration

Oct. 9 and 11, 2:15-3:15 p.m.

Germersheim

Fire Safety Class

Oct. 9-11

Germersheim

Fire Prevention Awareness and Courtesy Inspections

Oct. 9-12, 5-7 p.m.

Various housing areas in

Heidelberg and Schwetzingen

KAISERSLAUTERN

Fire Truck Displays

Oct. 9, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Pulaski Barracks main gate

Oct. 9, 2-4 p.m.

Child Care Center Miesau

Oct. 10, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Ramstein Air Base main gate

Oct. 11, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Miesau main gate

Oct. 12, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Panzer Kaserne main gate

Open House

Oct. 11, 2-5 p.m.

Fire Station

AFN goes live in Romania to support JTF-East

By Tom Saunders

USAREUR Public Affairs

MIHAIL KOGALNICEANU AIR BASE, Romania — The American Forces Network, is on the air in Romania with deployable broadcasting capabilities supporting the Joint Task Force-East "proof of principle" exercise ongoing here through Oct. 22.

"The system that we brought down here is the Tactical Mobile Radio and Television System," said Lt. Col. Donald M. Ross, commander of American Forces Network-South, based in Vicenza, Italy. "What this does for JTF-East is bring immediate command information along with news and entertainment to everyone deployed here to support JTF-East."

This marks the first time AFN has established broadcast operations in Romania and represents the first successful back-to-back deployment of

its TMRTVS, Ross said. AFN-Romania began broadcasting two live radio shows daily at the air base: 6-10 a.m. and 3-7 p.m. on FM 107.0.

The radius of the radio broadcast is approximately eight kilometers. Those live broadcasts are slated to continue through the end of the exercise.

During times when AFN-Romania is not airing a live show, the AFN broadcast signal that U.S. Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen listen to in Italy, Germany and other countries in Western Europe is available to the base.

"It's great, because this system is designed to support just this type of a mission," Ross said. "It is not intended to be a permanent facility."

The highly mobile TMRTVS is designed to be operational within two hours and recently supported exercise Immediate Response in Poland.

The system is capable of simulta-



Sgt. Justin Nieto

Staff Sgt. Randall Jackson broadcasts from the TMRTVS at the Joint Task Force-East exercise's headquarters at Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base, Romania.

neously broadcasting on two radio and two television frequencies. It also has the capability of providing a "cable head end" or router, to any austere location for up to four AFN cable channels.

The AFN-Romania team consists of four military broadcasters trained on the use of the system — three Soldiers and one Sailor — augmented by two

audiovisual technicians whose job is to keep the system running.

"I'm really glad to have the chance to be a part of this exercise, and doing this just reinforces why we're here," said Staff Sgt. Randall Jackson, AFN Vicenza station commander and TMRTVS team leader. "We support the troops and help in some small way to tell the commander's story."

TRANSFORMING

As Darmstadt prepares to close in the coming year, activities and hours throughout the garrison will change

Thrift Store

The Darmstadt Military, Spouses and Civilians Club thrift store on Cambrai-Fritsch Kaserne will only be taking limited consignments as of Tuesday. DSN 348-6454, civilian 06151-69-6454.

Finance

The finance customer service office on Kelley Barracks has been consolidated into the finance in/out processing office on Cambrai-Fritsch Kaserne, Building 4029, Room 109. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Kelley Barracks Fitness Center

Kelley Barracks Fitness Center has expanded its operating hours in Darmstadt to support the return of the 596th Maintenance Company from Iraq. Until further notice, the Kelley Fitness Center will be open 5:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Fitness Center will still be closed on weekends, and training and federal holidays.

More Information

For information on changes in the Darmstadt community, visit www.darmstadt.army.mil and click on "Transformation and Closure" to access official announcements, changes to hours and services and moving information. Archived copies of Herald-Post stories related to Darmstadt's closure are available at www.darmstadt.army.mil. Catch the latest transformation announcements every Wednesday on 98.7, AFN "The Eagle," at 8:15 a.m.

The Lion 'Strikes' no more

Exercise in Bulgaria ends; project improves kindergarten

By Master Sgt. Kimberly Williams, JTF-E Lion Strike

NOVO SELO, Bulgaria – Two symbolic ceremonies Sept. 27 and 28 marked the end of Lion Strike, a two-week multinational exercise here.

First, U.S. and Bulgarian personnel from Joint Task Force-East held a military ribbon-cutting ceremony for a humanitarian aid project at a kindergarten in Mokren, Bulgaria.

Eleven Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 40 finished an extensive renovation of the school during the exercise.

The school's children, along with parents, teachers, school director, local officials and U.S. and Bulgarian military personnel, crowded the small courtyard during the ceremony.

"We say in the United States that the children are our future," said Lt. Col. Bruce Sones, commanding officer for JTF-E Lion Strike. "We hope through the efforts of those involved in this project that the improved environment created for teaching the children will contribute to the children's development as they grow and become leaders in your society."

The school director, Margarita Nicolova, thanked the Seabees and then presented them with a picture painted by the children, a



Pfc. Crystal Abbott

Lt. Col. Bruce Sones, commanding officer for the JTF-E Lion Strike exercise, holds Asen Ivanov, 5, so he can cut the ribbon during a ceremony Sept. 27 to celebrate the completion of work at the kindergarten in Mokren, Bulgaria. During the two-week exercise, SeaBees conducted an extensive renovation project at the school.

compact disk of Bulgarian folk music, a photograph of the children and a glass vial filled with Bulgarian soil.

"Wherever you go, you know you'll have a piece of Bulgaria with you," she said referring to the soil.

The students then sang several songs for the audience and the ribbon was cut.

A Humvee filled with much-needed school supplies and educational toys purchased with contributions from Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen par-

ticipating was then presented to the school.

"We will maintain what you have done, and promise to continue with improvements," promised Emil Enchev, Mokren's mayor. "Hopefully, we will continue working together in the future."

Lion Strike participants commemorated the exercise's conclusion the following day.

During the ceremony, Sones and Col. Biser Kalinov, Bulgarian Land Forces chief of Training, presented certificates of achievement to 14 U.S. and 16 Bulgarian Soldiers for their efforts during the exercise.

"During this training, we had the opportunity to gain military experience from the leading force in NATO, the United States Military, and to show that while representing a small army, the Bulgarian officers, NCOs and soldiers are honorable partners and excellent professionals," Kalinov said during the ceremony.

"This closing ceremony does not mark the end of a training opportunity or a farewell to relationships fostered," Sones said.

"In our minds, it marks the hopeful commencement of future training opportunities to be conducted between our nations. We can truly say the professionalism and generosity of the Bulgarian Land Forces is unrivaled."

V Corps: 'Doing the right thing every day'

By Pfc. Michael Syner
USAREUR Public Affairs

"We try to do the right thing all day, every day," says Warrant Officer Phillip A. Ranck, who is in charge of the maintenance team for V Corps' Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Special Troops Battalion.

His philosophy must be infectious, because his HHC maintenance team earned the V Corps-level Army Award for Maintenance Excellence for large Modified Table of Organization and Equipment (tactical) units.

It is not an easy task to win the AAME, regardless of the unit's size, he said.

The AAME review team judges the competitors' skills that go beyond basic maintenance. Judges considered equipment accountability and inspected facilities

Using a check list that covered a wide range of maintenance tasks and standards, judges evaluated the units' Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical equipment, checked arm room security and checked Soldiers' military driver's licenses.

With such intense scrutiny of a maintenance team's ongoing operations, the AAME cannot be won in a day, Ranck said.

"It took about three months

of preparation to get ready," said Ranck.

And winning at the V Corps level is only the beginning for the HHC maintenance team. It will now compete for the U.S. Army, Europe-level awards followed by the all-Army competition.

It takes more than a year to work up to a chance to win the Department of the Army level award, according to officials at the Army's office of the deputy chief of staff for logistics. And even then the competition continues, onward to the Department of Defense level.

"The credit goes to all of my outstanding Soldiers," Ranck

said, adding that his Soldiers frequently stay beyond the normal duty hours to get the job done.

"I just took what I knew and went with it," said Spec. David R. Hare. "It is a lot of information to know, but it had to be done."

This isn't the HHC team's first award; not by a long shot. For instance, the unit won a USAREUR-level AAME and Unit Hazardous Materials Award in 2005. So well regarded is his operation, Ranck said, the U.S. Army Garrison Heidelberg Directorate of Public Works holds his team up as an example for others to follow.

Strengthening volunteers

IMCOM Public Affairs

Contrary to its traditional name – American Women’s Activities, Germany – the group is open to all volunteers throughout Europe.

“AWAG is not just for women anymore, and you might even be a member without knowing it,” said Juliet Davidson, AWAG chairwoman. “If you volunteer anywhere or for any organization, you automatically (qualify) as a member.”

Organized to oversee charitable and welfare activities shortly after World War II, the AWAG mission today is to train, strengthen and connect volunteers, their organizations and their communities.

One such way is by bringing together speakers, community leaders and volunteers for one-day, area conferences that focus on topics such as “How to Raise Money for Your Family Readiness Group,” “Leadership,” “Public Speaking,” “How to Recruit and Keep Your Volunteers,” along with lighter topics such as “Flea Market

Shopping” and “Living and Traveling in Europe.”

“There is something for everyone,” Davidson said. “(Area representatives) tend to tailor the speakers and topics to meet the needs of the community they represent.”

In U.S. Army Garrison Heidelberg, the one-day, area conferences are being held at the following places:

- ♦ Oct. 22, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Ramstein Air Base Officers Club; and
- ♦ Nov. 14, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Heidelberg’s Patrick Henry Pavilion.

The registration fee – ranging from \$15 to \$20, depending on location – includes lunch and speaker forums. For more information or to register for one of the conferences, log onto the AWAG Web site at www.awag.us and click on a specific area/community link. Additionally, you can e-mail the following area representatives:

Karen Russ – rheinneckar@awag.us
 Melanie Iams or Johnette Owens – rheinlandpfalz@awag.us or rheinlandpfalz2@awag.us.

DEPLOYMENT PREPARATION



Sieg Heppner

Command Sgt. Maj. Brenda K. Curfman and Lt. Col. John V. Bogdan case the 95th Military Police Battalion’s colors during a ceremony held in Mannheim’s Sullivan gym Friday. The battalion will train and support Iraqi police during its 15-month deployment.

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MISCONDUCT

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Germany has criminal jurisdiction over U.S. employees and family members, but the garrison can also implement separate administrative actions against those civilians who commit serious misconduct.

"We are not substitutes for the German courts," Brecht said. But if a community civilian violates German law or commits serious misconduct, the CMAA can impose further administrative actions.

The goal of the program, according to Army Europe Pamphlet 612-27, is to resolve incidents of civilian misconduct as "quickly and informally as possible. The CMAA will process actions thoroughly and fairly, acting in concert with military police officials, host-nation authorities, and investigating officers."

After-effects

Garrison commanders normally serve as the CMAA for their respective geographic areas. The Heidelberg garrison commander may also consider appeals from the other local USAG Heidelberg garrison commanders in Mannheim, Kaiserslautern and Darmstadt.

The CMAA is responsible

for reviewing the facts of a misconduct case, listening to the accused offender's side of the story, fairly judging facts, and determining what sanctions, if any, are called for.

Most cases are handled based on written documents; however, the CMAA may give the accused the opportunity to meet with him and discuss the relevant facts and circumstances.

The commander's decision is delivered to the accused in a notice, which spells out the findings and any sanctions. If the CMAA finds the civilian liable for the misconduct, the offender is subject to the CMAA's administrative sanctions. The offender could be barred from accessing U.S. military installations in Europe, or given community service or substance abuse counseling, Brecht said.

The CMAA may also restrict the offender's access to Army and Air Force Exchange Service and commissary facilities; limit participation in morale, welfare and recreation and other club activities; take away check-cashing and ration card privileges; suspend or revoke U.S. Forces privately owned vehicle driving privileges; and terminate the sponsor's and

family members' use of government quarters.

Community program

In some cases, the CMAA may decide the accused should participate in a supervised community program where he must:

- ♦ Make in-person visits to the community supervision officer or an appropriate designee;
- ♦ Receive periodic home visits from the community supervision officer or designee;
- ♦ Remain at home during specific hours;
- ♦ Perform voluntary community services; and
- ♦ Make voluntary payments to or perform services for persons affected by the misconduct to reimburse them for damage or loss.

The supervised community program is entirely voluntary. If the offender is a minor, the sponsor must agree to the minor's participation in the program. However, refusal to participate in community supervision may be considered in a negative light by the CMAA when deciding on an appropriate administrative sanction, according to Brecht.

In extreme cases, the CMAA may decide the offender should leave Germany for the community's good and may revoke the offender's lo-

gistical support.

The commander may first ask the sponsor to voluntarily send the offender back to the United States. If he refuses, the Heidelberg garrison commander may order the early return of the family members.

Due process

Although the CMAA is an administrative process, the accused has several rights, according to Susan Bomier, administrative law attorney for USAG Heidelberg.

"In any case other than the most minor actions, the alleged offender is given appropriate due process rights, which means he must be afforded the opportunity to provide information for the CMAA to consider before a final decision is made on any administrative action," she said. The accused may be given the opportunity to review his file and to seek legal assistance in preparation for a rebuttal or appeal.

Once a decision is made, in most cases, the subject of the action will be afforded the right to appeal the decision to a higher authority. "However," Bomier added, "because the CMAA program is administrative in nature, an appeal authority's decision is final and no further recourse is avail-

able. CMAA authorities have considerable latitude to address civilian misconduct through these administrative procedures."

The commander's choice of sanctions should relate to the offense, she said. "It should have some relationship to the misconduct."

For example, a shoplifting offense may result in the commander revoking the offender's shopping privileges with AAFES, Bomier said.

Army Europe Regulation 27-9 provides that U.S. personnel may remain in this community under the condition that they behave appropriately and not engage in misconduct that would cause discredit to the United States or the Army while living in Germany.

Violation of host nation laws, Army policy or even general acts of misconduct allows the CMAA a variety of remedies.

"As a member of the U.S. forces receiving logistical support, you are not just representing yourself, you represent the U.S. government, and, therefore, your actions have a much greater impact," Brecht said. "Your actions affect us all."

(Editor's Note: This is the second story in a series.)

READY

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Aid Exercise Sept. 22 on Ramstein and Army garrisons in east Kaiserslautern.

Lessons learned from these exercises will be used to prepare Kaiserslautern and other U.S. Army garrisons for the U.S. European Command's Flexible Response 2008 exercise in early December.

"Our exercise was to validate our procedures at the garrison level, so we can provide ground-truth information for USAREUR to use when participating in Flexible Response," said Henry Kaaihue, USAG Kaiserslautern's anti-terrorism and force protection officer.

Ground truth, Kaaihue explained, is the factual events and emotional responses that happen in exercise play. Warrior Response tested the military community's crises response from its Army and Air Force emergency personnel and Landstuhl's mass casualty teams and quick reaction force.

"I want (KMC) to feel comfortable that we have a plan in place, and we have experienced people who know exactly what to do," said Lt. Col. Mechelle Hale, garrison commander.

This annual Army-required exercise generally employs the Air Force, which has the first-responder mission in the KMC, and the host nation, which as-



Christine June

Landstuhl Regional Medical Center personnel and Kaiserslautern firefighters set up a triage site during the Warrior Response 2007 force protection exercise Friday on LRMC.

sists with this support.

"Rehearsing battle drills helps us to get it right when a real incident occurs," said Col. Robert Ulses, U.S. Army Garrison Heidelberg commander.

The Warrior Response exercise scenario consisted of a single improvised explosive device denoting near LRMC's emergency room. It was later determined to be a "dirty bomb," a low-level radiation dispersing device.

"The scenario for our exercise was

really the scenario for Guardian Shield and Flexible Response," Kaaihue said. "We tweaked it a little to be more accommodating to our local assets."

Exercise participants included emergency response teams from Heidelberg and Kaiserslautern garrisons, The U.S. Army Garrison Heidelberg staff, 21st Theater Sustainment Command, the Air Force's 435th Civil Engineering Squadron's KMC Fire and Emergency Services and Medical Group, 569th U.S. Security Forces Police Squadron and LRMC's staff.

REPAIRS

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Spille said.

Those responsible should not sleep easy. Earlier this year, a military family member was apprehended after damaging playground equipment. The accused was given 100 hours of community service, and the sponsor paid €600, currently \$870, to repair the damage, Thompson said.

"Willful damage to government property, if it meets UCMJ requirements, can result in actual confinement for military personnel," said Sgt. 1st Class Jonathan Tan, Heidelberg garrison provost marshal NCOIC. He said family members found responsible for damage can be subject to disciplinary action or even cause the early return of themselves and their families to the United States.

"Incidents like this will also be accessible to people performing a background check for as long as you are associated with the military," Tan said.

If you see community property being damaged, contact the military police, DSN 388-2222, civilian 06221-678-2222, and call in an emergency service order at DSN 115, civilian 06221-57-115.

ALL-ARMY PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST



Jennifer Bumgardner

Jennifer Bumgardner, 11, earned an honorable mention in the color experimental category with "Stars on a Ceiling" in the 2006 All-Army Photography Contest.

3 Heidelberg photographers take home honors in All-Army contest

Staff Report

Three Heidelberg photographers captured top-place finishes during the 2006 All-Army Photography Contest.

U.S. military personnel, family members and civilians entered 974 monochrome and color photographs in the contest sponsored by the Army Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command. They were divided into military and civilian competition categories of people, place, object, experimental (altered prints) and military life.

Richard Bumgardner, a U.S. Army

Europe Public Affairs Office employee, was the most decorated civilian in the contest.

His "Eiffel" took first place in monochrome experimental, and he earned runner-up honors in color place with "Across De La Frontera."

Bumgardner's "Guy in Bar" placed third in the monochrome people category. He also earned honorable mentions with "Airport Traveler" in monochrome place and "Airwolf Fun" in color experimental.

Bumgardner's 11-year-old daughter, Jennifer, earned an honorable mention in the color experimental

category with "Star Lights on Ceiling."

Capt. Michael Taylor, 1st Battalion, 214th Aviation Regiment, earned first place in the color object category for "Early Morning Haze."

All of this year's awarded entries can be viewed at www.armymwr.com/portal/recreation/artsandcrafts/photogallery/.

The 2007 All-Army Digital Photography Contest will be entirely Web-based. Entries will be accepted through Nov. 30. For rules and details of the contest, visit www.artsandcrafts.fmwrc.army.mil.

PDHR: Safeguarding Soldier health

Europe Regional Medical Command

To safeguard the health and well-being of all Soldiers, the U.S. Army implemented the Post-Deployment Health Reassessment, or PDHRA, in January 2006.

A commander's program, the PDHRA gives Soldiers an opportunity to address any health concerns that may emerge following redeployment. It is available to all Soldiers who have returned from combat deployments.

"Returning home and settling back into a routine can be filled with excitement and discovery. The U.S. Army has learned that as time passes, Soldiers may start facing health concerns that they may not have noticed before," said Lt. Col. Vinette Gordon, who leads the U.S. Army PDHRA program.

Research shows that proactively identifying these health concerns has a huge impact on the long-term health and well-being of Soldiers and their families. The Army wants to help Soldiers address their health concerns before they develop into serious problems.

Soldiers who have returned from a combat deployment since March 10, 2005, must complete the PDHRA within 90 to 180 days after redeployment.

To complete the PDHRA, Soldiers fill out a form and are given the opportunity to speak one-on-one with a

health care provider, who can refer Soldiers for further evaluation and treatment, if necessary. Most Soldiers complete the PDHRA as part of a unit-scheduled event or by going to the nearest health clinic on their own.

To expedite the process, Soldiers can log on to Army Knowledge Online to check their PDHRA status under "My Medical Readiness."

As a part of post-deployment reassessment, Soldiers also complete Battlemind II training that reinforces the transition from combat to home. For more information or to view the Battlemind II training video, visit www.battlemind.org.

"Units with compliance rates below 85 percent must take corrective action immediately according to the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army," said Maj. Scott Newberg, chief of plans and policies for Europe Regional Medical Command's Force Health Protection Office. He urges commanders and leaders to contact their supporting health clinic or medical unit to arrange for large groups to complete the PDHRA.

If you have any questions regarding the PDHRA program, contact Dr. Joan Rubino, medical deployment coordinator, ERMCA at DSN 371-2629, commercial 06221-17-2629, or visit <http://fhp.osd.mil/pdhrainfo>.

New arrivals to Europe get 'same-day service'

By Sgt. Aimee Millham
USAREUR Public Affairs

Soldiers their family members who arriving for assignments within U.S. Army Europe will no longer have to wait days to reach their final destinations.

As of Monday, troops will reach their new USAREUR duty stations the same day they arrive in theater.

"When you get here and you're in that travel mode, you're dead tired," said Col. David MacEwen, commander of USAREUR's 1st Personnel Command. "To have to stop in the interim, unload all your stuff, and partially unpack is a hassle."

In the past, Soldiers have had to spend a night with the 64th Replacement Detachment at Pioneer Kaserne in Hanau — the first stop for troops and their families arriving to USAREUR — before getting an initial briefing the following day and being bused to their units of assignment.

"When they come in, they're beat, especially if they have three or four kids and pets, plus the jet lag," said Sgt. Robert Wilson, USAREUR liaison at the Frankfurt International Airport. Wilson said he's glad he'll now be a bearer of good news to families when he tells them they'll be going to their new community the day they arrive.

"It'll certainly cut down on the tension and stress of travel," said Stephanie Brunkhorst, after landing Thursday with her husband Sgt. Adam Brunkhorst, their 2-month-old daughter, Theresa Jazmin, and three carts full of luggage. "We could've had Theresa settled in already."

The change in the reception process is in accordance with USAREUR Commander Gen. David McKiernan's intent of getting new Soldiers where they need to be as soon as possible.

"Moving and travel are not easy, so there's no doubt this is the best way to take care of Soldiers and families," MacEwen said.

Soldiers will still go to Hanau from the airport, but the daily schedule of buses leaving Pioneer Kaserne to installations throughout USAREUR has been adjusted to make same-day arrivals feasible.

Within the next couple of months buses will be leaving Hanau twice a day, MacEwen said.

Changes to the reception program are expected to continue through next year, the colonel added, noting that by the first of the year USAREUR leaders hope to have a reception facility close to or on the airport.

Examining deployment-related counseling services

By Ray Johnson
IMCOM-Europe Public Affairs

As the global war on terrorism moves into a seventh year, its impact on the U.S. military community goes well beyond the battlefield.

Indeed, service members and their families are feeling the brunt of war at home, especially as the call to serve downrange increases.

As Gen. George Casey, the Army chief of staff, said in August: "What we are seeing is ... the cumulative (result) of repeated deployments on families and on Soldiers."

The general recalled a spouse at Fort Bragg, N.C., telling him that it was the not the same in running a family readiness group the third time as it was the first, as there are cumulative stress and strains. Meaning, "We have to do progressively more so that our families and Soldiers are well taken care of," Casey stressed.

With that mindset, roughly 100 counseling professionals recently gathered in Bad Kreuznach, with the goal of "breaking new ground in the delivery of community counseling services across (the theater)," said Maj. Heidi Whitescarver, chief of U.S. Army Europe's Soldier and Family Readiness Branch.

As she addressed the participants in her opening remarks, Whitescarver urged them to "begin with the end in mind," which would be a group response to these two questions:

- ♦How could they improve their current level of counseling, considering what resources are available (such as

personnel and facilities)?

- ♦If you had all the additional resources you wanted, how would you improve the delivery of counseling services?

"By bringing representatives from a cross section of agencies, we wanted to identify and share best practices in counseling – as well as develop new methods to strengthen the delivery of current and future services," Whitescarver said.

Throughout three and a half days, attendees representing several agencies – Army Community Service, family readiness groups, rear detachment commands, chaplains, Army Substance Abuse Program, Behavioral Health and Social Work Services – listened to guest speakers while also exchanging ideas in open forums.

Presentations were presented on such programs as:

Battlemind Training System: An initiative to alert Soldiers of the stress brought about by combat and to assist detecting possible mental health issues before and after deployments. It also readies Families for "the demands and challenges of a deployment," as well as preparing them for reunion and reintegration, said Maj. Dennis McGurk of the U.S. Army Medical Research Unit-Europe.

Warrior Transition Units: Organizations being activated at three installations in Germany (Landstuhl, Heidelberg and Vilseck) that will provide command and control, primary care and case management of injured Soldiers, assisting them in their heal-



Martin Greeson

A Soldier hugs his family at Giessen Army Depot following his 14-month tour in Iraq. At a recent Deployment-Related Community Counseling Conference in Europe, participants discussed the Battlemind Training System, which prepares Families for reunion and reintegration.

ing and promoting a return to duty or transition to civilian life.

Task Force Guardian: A unit from Schweinfurt, gives a new look to rear detachments that provide for families and remaining Soldiers from deployed units. Its commander, Lt. Col. Robert Whittle, considers TFG a combat multiplier that supports the 2nd "Dagger" Brigade Combat Team – which returns from Iraq in November – while partnering closely with higher headquarters and U.S. Army Garrison Schweinfurt.

Warrior Pride for Life: A U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern project that focuses on reducing substance abuse by using persuasion-based teaching, including interactive presentations and small-group discussion.

Military Family Life Consultants: A contract service that provides short-term problem resolution for family, deployment, adjustment and marital

issues. It also supports reintegration and reunion activities.

Conference participants spent eight hours in small groups brainstorming ideas and developing recommendations that answered the two questions that Whitescarver posed on the first day.

Most of the recommendations centered on normalizing mental health, collocating counseling services, developing a single position responsible for the coordination of mental health services in a community and creating a marketing campaign that encourages Soldiers to seek counseling services.

"The participants put in a lot of hard work developing recommendations based on the two questions," Whitescarver said. "The challenge for the key organizers of the conference is to put their recommendations in motion so that this is not 'just another conference.'"

Who's the BOSS now?



Photos by Sieg Heppner

The second annual Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Awareness Day sported lively competition under clear blue skies Sept. 27. More than 350 single Soldiers participated. The USAG Mannheim BOSS Cup went to overall winners, the 70th Transportation Company.



New Mannheim BOSS President Spec. Richard K. Cedeno demonstrates the "worm" just prior to the awards presentation.



Gene Knudsen

Mannheim's Portia Short (2) battles Wiesbaden's Mickaala Rodriguez (21) above the net during a match Saturday on the Lady Warrior's home court. The Lady Bison lost the match by game scores of 25-13, 25-17, 25-19.



Gene Knudsen

Mannheim fullback Marcus Camps (9) and tight end Jonathan Lankford (32) open a hole in the Wiesbaden line for Jeremy Smithers (5). Smithers scored the lone Bison touchdown in a 35-7 loss at the Warrior's Homecoming game Saturday.

Lions, Bison battle nearby rivals



Gene Knudsen

Mannheim High School's Anne Cressler takes her place card from a race official at the finish line of last weekend's cross country meet in Wiesbaden. Cressler finished seventh and Jennifer Amos finished eighth for the Lady Bison against Division I competition from Ramstein, Kaiserslautern and Wiesbaden.



Gene Knudsen

Chad Perkins serves at Saturday's match against Wiesbaden High School where he defeated his opponent 8-0. Both of Heidelberg's male and female teams won decisive 9-0 victories for the day.

SPORTSresults

Cross Country

Heidelberg High School competed Saturday in Würzburg against Patch, Vilseck, Ansbach, Hohenfels, Bamberg and Würzburg high schools

♦Boys - First Place

1 - Blake Langford - 17:31

2 - Jon Rynecki - 17:33

4 - Jon Hoffman - 18:24

♦Girls - Second Place

3 - Lauren Brousseau - 21:51

7 - Julie Caldwell - 22:27

9 - Iva Reece - 22:48

10 - Kristine Bremer - 23:09

Golf

Heidelberg High School golf teams took on Ramstein, Kaiserslautern, Baumholder and Bittburg at Ramstein Sept. 27.

♦Boys - Third Place

Jon Kliner - 19 points

David Britt - 18 points

Curtis Thomas - 18 points

♦Girls - Second Place

Melissa Guelle - 13 points

Sarah Fowler - 12 points

BASKETBALLclinic

Two veteran officials will be running a basketball clinic for Installation Management Command-Europe in October. Peter Webb and Ray McClure are conducting a clinic Oct. 9-13 in Schwetzingen.

Webb is a member of the National Federation of High Schools Hall of Fame and is the current commissioner for Maine Basketball. McClure serves the American Basketball Association as a crew chief and rules interpreter for a staff of more than 400 officials in the United States, Canada and Mexico. Participants will learn NCAA and National High School Federation rules - while studying points of emphasis, rule changes and floor work - before taking a written test and practical exam.

On Oct. 13, a tournament will be held at Patton gym starting at 9 a.m. The tournament is open to the first four men's and women's community teams that register. DSN 379-6214 or 373-8032.

active life

Mannheim

Youth Services Registration - Basketball and cheerleading registration Oct. 1 - Nov. 2 at the Central Registration Office, BFV, Building 742. DSN 385-2684, civilian 0621-730-2684.

Kaiserslautern

SKIES Unlimited Dance Classes - Pre-ballet, Lyrical Jazz, and many more exciting classes. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Landstuhl Post, Building 3701 DSN: 493-4516, civilian 0631-3406-4516.

Racquetball Invitational - Oct. 13, 9 a.m. Registration: 8-8:30 a.m. Pre-registration starts Oct. 1 at Ramstein Air Base, Landstuhl and Kleber fitness centers. DSN 483-7610, civilian 0631-411-7610.

Child and Youth Services Karate Tech

Classes - Beginner and intermediate classes are held four times a month starting the first Tuesday of every month. DSN 493-4516, civilian 0631-3406-4516.

Youth Sports Registration - Oct. 27, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. for December-March season. Landstuhl, Building 3701, DSN 493-4516, civilian 0631-3406-4516.

Heidelberg

Community Soccer Players Needed - Must be at least 18 years old, have a valid ID card, and not be participating in DoDDS high school sports. Practices are Mondays and Wednesdays 6-8 p.m. at Tompkins Barracks Sports Field in Schwetzingen. DSN 379-5116, civilian 06202-80-5116.

Youth Winter Sports Registration - Oct. 1 - Nov. 30 or until teams are filled for

wrestling, basketball and cheerleading. DSN 338-9240, civilian 06221-3389240.

Volunteer Coaches Needed - The CYS Sports Department needs volunteer coaches and paid officials to work winter sports games. DSN 388-9397, civilian 06221-3389397.

Darmstadt

Frankenstein Castle Run - Darmstadt's last run is Oct. 12. It is a 13-kilometer (8-mile) cross-country trek. DSN 348-1550, civilian, 06151-69-1550, frankensteinrun@eur.army.mil, www.darmstadt.army.mil.

Winter Season Sports Registration - Oct. 1-31, register for basketball, cheerleading and wrestling. DSN 348-7444, civilian 06151697444.

community update

Darmstadt

Training

Army Community Service classes - Stress Management, Oct. 10 and 17, 9-10:30 a.m.; Spouse Battlemind, Oct. 17; “It’s Your Move” investment training class, Oct. 4, 11 and 18, 3-5 p.m.; Hearts Apart deployment support group, Oct. 9, 1:15-2:15 p.m.; There’s No Place Like Your (Next) Home, Oct. 11, 1:30 p.m.; FRG leader forum, Oct. 15, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Community

Child and Youth Services - Upcoming events: CYS Parent Advisory Council Meeting, Oct. 4, 5 p.m.; Parent’s Night Out, space is limited, reserve in advance, Oct. 5, 6:30-10:30 p.m.; All CYS facilities will be closed Oct. 8, due to the Columbus Day holiday; CYS fall festival, Oct. 31, 4 p.m.-8 p.m. DSN 348-7605, civilian 06151-69-7605.

Kontakt Club - Upcoming events: Stammtisch, Oct. 9, 16, 23 and 30, 7 p.m.; Dining out, Oct. 12, 7:45 p.m.; Bird Park Weilrod and Tour of Limburg, Oct. 27, 5 p.m.; Pumpkin carving and cooking class, Oct. 28, 12:30 p.m. DSN 348-1600, civilian 06151-69-1600.

Association of Retired Members of the Armed Forces Next meeting is Oct. 11 at 2 p.m. in the Retiree Council offices, Building 4037 on Cambrai-Fritsch Kaserne. Civilian 0160-664-0581.

Kaiserslautern

Training

Army Community Service classes - Boot Camp for Dads, Oct. 8, 11 a.m. ; English as Second Language six-week session, Oct. 9, 2 p.m.; Autism Support Group, Oct. 9, 6 p.m.; Making your Money Work For You, Oct. 10, 9 a.m.; Point of Contact training, Oct. 10, 10 a.m.; Sponsorship Training, Oct. 11, 1 p.m. Pulaski Barracks Building 2891, DSN 489-6476/8279, civilian 0631-536-6476/8279.

Community

Sports Physicals - The Kaiserslautern Health Clinic offers sports physicals for enrolled patients 7 a.m.-noon Oct. 5 and 24 at the clinic on Kleber Kaserne. DSN 483-1750, civilian 0631-411-1750.

Clothing Drive - The Kaiserslautern American Elementary School is accepting donations of new or gently used clothing, soccer balls and non-battery operated toys for orphanages in Rwanda until Oct. 6 at the school’s administration office. DSN 489-7075.

Amnesty Day - The 21st Theater Sustainment Command has an Amnesty Day Oct. 9, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Theater Logistics Support Center – Europe/Reserve Storage Activity Miesau, Ammunition Supply Point No. 9 at Miesau Army Depot. Anonymously return ammunition and explosives to government control. DSN 481-3525, civilian 06372-842-3525.

Child & Youth Services Landstuhl Teen Center-Lock-In, Oct. 12, 7 p.m.-8 a.m.; Freak Light Dance, Oct. 26, 7-10 p.m.; Spook Tour downtown KMC. Sign up started Oct. 1 for all events. Building 3819. DSN 493-4516, civilian 0631-3406-4516.

Strong Bonds Power Lunch - Oct. 17, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m., at the Armstrong Community Club on Vogelweh. Participants learn one of the most effective speaker-listener techniques for any relationship. Registration is required to receive a free lunch. DSN 489-6743.

College and University Information Night - Oct. 18. More than 85 colleges and universities, scholarship programs and military recruiters will provide information and materials To sign up, e-mail Larry_Zani@compuserve.com.

HEAT Grand Opening - The 7th Army Training Command Training Support Center is hosting a grand opening Oct. 30, 10 a.m., in Buidling 3210 on Panzer Kaserne for its newest Humvee rollover training aid for Soldiers. DSN 483-7311.

Halloween Extravaganza - Oct. 30, 6-8 p.m., at the Vogelweh Skate Express. There will be a costume bragging rights contest, face painting, tattoos, apple decorating, craft making and free skating. DSN 489-7521, civilian 0631-536-7521, selinda.torbert@us.army.mil.

Trick-or-Treating - Halloween trick or treating will be Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m., for the Kaiserslautern military community at housing areas on Ramstein Air Base, Vogelweh, Sembach Annex and Landstuhl Regional Medical Center.

Heidelberg

Training

On-Site Graduate Degree Program - The University of Phoenix is currently enrolling students for a Master of Arts in education - teacher certification and Master of Business Administration at Patton Education Center. Classes Start Oct. 25 and 31 . DSN 373-7650, civilian 06221-588-0492

UMUC Europe Registration - The University of Maryland University College Europe is offering course registration Oct. 15-26 for on-site courses and through Nov. 7 for online courses. www.ed.umuc.edu.

Army Community Service - Army Community Service will be closed Oct. 11 for annual training. Upcoming classes: Community Orientation Briefing, Oct.15, 12:30-3 p.m.; Real Talk-Teens, Oct. 10 and 17, 4-5 p.m.; PCS Briefing, Oct. 16, 12:30-3 p.m.; Nurturing Parenting Class, Oct. 4, 11 and 18, 1-4 p.m.; Heidelberg Job Market, Oct. 9, 9 a.m.-noon; Bringing Baby Home, Oct. 16, 10-11:30 a.m.; Knowing Your Community Resources, Oct. 17, 10-11 a.m.; Families Learning About Germany, Oct. 22 and 23, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and a field trip day Oct. 26, 8:30a.m.; AFTB Level I, Oct. 9 and 10, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; AFTB Level II, Oct. 16, 17 and 18, 9a.m.- 2p.m. DSN 370-6883, civilian 06221-57-6883.

Community

Vehicle Registration - Closed Oct. 31 for inventory.

Alcoholics Anonymous - Heidelberg Lunchtime Group meets Tuesdays at noon in the third-floor conference room, Building 3752, Roemerstrasse 104. DSN 370-1710, civilian 0174- 472749. www.heidelbergaa.com.

Community Messiah Performance - The chapel community will present Handel’s Messiah to celebrate the Advent season. Rehearsals: Mondays, 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall of MTV Chapel. Performance is Dec. 8. Civilian 06221-301269, ed.matthiessen@gmx.de.

Scoutmaster Needed - Boy Scout Troop 26 seeks a scoutmaster. DSN 370-6488, civilian 0176-237-64334.

U.S. Forces Customs Closed - The office will be closed Oct. 5 and 8 for a holiday and a works council outing.

Heidelberg International Ski Club - The club offers fellowship and weekend trips to Austria, France and Switzerland. Sign up for trips at the next HISC meeting Oct. 10, 7 .m., at the Hotel Zagreb in Schwetzingen. www.heidelbergski.com.

Hispanic American Heritage Observance - “Hispanic Americans: Making a Positive Impact on Society” will take place Oct. 12, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Patrick Henry Village Theater.

The Real World - The Military Child Education Coalition Partnership of Excellence award winning program called “The REAL World... what are you do-

ing?” will begin its monthly workshop sessions Oct. 14 at 4 p.m. at Heidelberg Middle school on Patrick Henry Village. Parents and students in grades 7-12 are invited for this family event. DSN 388-9377, civilian 06221-58-986201 www.heid-dso.eu.dodea.edu/Realworld/.

HCSC October Luncheon “Basic Black Dress”- The Heidelberg Community and Spouses’ Club invites you and your friends to wear your favorite black dress and join the fun Oct. 17 at the PHV Village Pavilion, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. RSVP by Oct. 12: reservations@hcsc-heidelberg.com or civilian 06221-739-1785. www.hcsc-heidelberg.com.

Exceptional Family Member Program Teen Social Oct. 19, 7-9 p.m., Panther’s Place, PHV. Registration required. DSN 370-6883, civilian 06221-57-6883.

Spanish Mass - Oct. 20, 6:30 p.m. at Mark Twain Village Chapel. Choir practice is at 5 p.m. Reception with a potluck will follow. Civilian 0177-6748-775.

HHS College Night - Heidelberg High School is sponsoring its anual college night Nov. 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m. To represent a college or university that you have attended, contact Janice Martin or James Renes, who can assist you with arrangements. DSN 370-8004, civilian 06221-57-8004, or by e-mail at janice.martin@eu.dodea.edu or james.renes@eu.dodea.edu.

Mannheim

Training

Army Community Service Classes - Army Family Team Building Level I, Oct. 9 and 10, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Job Information Class, Oct. 9, 10-11 a.m.; Healthy Relationships, Oct. 9, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Family Readiness Group Key Caller Training, Oct. 10, 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 6-8:30 p.m.; Resumix Workshop, Oct. 10 and 24, 10-11 a.m.; Mom and Me Play Group, Oct. 10 and 17, 10 a.m.-noon; Smooth Move, Oct. 10 and 17, 2-3 p.m.; Sponsorship Training for Soldiers, Oct. 10, 3-4 p.m.; Community Deployment Information and Services, Oct.11, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sullivan Barracks, Building 253, DSN 385-3101, civilian 0621-730-3101.

Community

Child and Youth Services Division Closed - For training, Oct. 5. Facilities closed include Child Development Center, School-Age Services, Family Child Care, Youth Program, CLEOS, SKIES, School Liaison Officer and Youth Sports.

CYS programs - Held at the Tennis Courts located on BFV, Building 725. Torch Club, Oct. 17, 4-5 p.m.; Club Tech, Oct. 4 and 18, 4-5 p.m.; Character Counts, Oct. 5, 4-5 p.m.; Passport to Manhood, Oct. 9; SMART Girls, Oct. 9, 4-5 p.m.; SMART Moves, Oct. 10, 4-5 p.m.; Dragon Fly, Oct. 11, 4:30-5:30 p.m.; Youth Action Council, Oct. 12, 4-5 p.m. DSN 385-3550, civilian 0621-730-3550.

Hispanic Fiesta - Mannheim Elementary School will be celebrating its third annual Hispanic Fiesta with music and dancing, Oct. 11, 5 p.m.

EDIS Mannheim Milestones and More - Biannual developmental screenings for children birth to 5 years are Oct. 12, 8 a.m.-noon at EDIS, Building 214, Sullivan Barracks. Appointments: DSN 385-3133, civilian 0621-730-3133. Walk-ins accepted.

College Night - Oct. 12 at Mannheim High School. Civilian 0621-730-4092.

Bunco for Breast Cancer - Oct. 23 at 9:30 a.m. at the Mannheim USO. Register by Oct. 20. mannheimcommunityclub@gmail.com.

EMPLOYMENTopportunities

Darmstadt

The Darmstadt Thrift Store is now hiring part-time workers to fill scheduling gaps Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. until 8:30 p.m.; and the first Saturday of every month, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Ask for an application at the Thrift Store cash register if you would like to apply.

Kaiserslautern

Child and Youth Services seeks program assistants. Flexible schedules, training provided, scholarships may be available based on availability. DSN 489-8305/7341, civilian 0631-536-8305/7341.

Heidelberg

USAG-Heidelberg CYS Sports Department is accepting

applications for summer sports camp instructors. USAG-Heidelberg CYS Sports Department, CMR 419 Box 994, APO AE 09102. DSN 388-9397, civilian 06221-3389397.

Mannheim

Child and Youth Service Division is seeking program assistants for the Child Development Center. DSN 385-2849, civilian 0621-730-2849.

TRAVEL

Have a spook-tastic time during Shocktober



Photos by Christine June

Holiday Park in Hassloch offers 23 rides, including Expedition GeForce, which opened in 2001. The coaster stands 62 meters tall and takes those brave enough to try it on a whirlwind tour at 120 kilometers per hour.

PARKrides

Expedition GeForce - Voted the best roller coaster in the world four times in a row by Internet Coaster Poll

Lighthouse Tower - Germany's tallest carousel, the 80-meter tower

Free Fall Tower - Europe's first free fall tower standing 70 meters high

Devil's Barrels - Ride a log flume high above the trees

Thunder River - Germany's first river rapid ride

Superwirbel - The must-ride of Holiday Park, the corkscrew coaster is a huge attraction among coaster enthusiasts

Falkenstein Castle - The innovative indoor ride takes you on a journey through the Middle Ages

Stormship - Be a pirate and experience the high seas with this massive ship

Wave Jumper - Race across the sea in little two-seater boats

Bounty Tower - Gondolas spin around a 36-meter tall tower

Spinning Barrels - Spinning and rotating barrels generate lots of laughs

Dancing Pavilion - The rhythm of a waltz lifts this merry-go-round up in the air

Balloon Race - Take a ride around the world in a little hot-air balloon

Canal Ride - Take a boat ride through the medieval times

Tour des Fleurs - Enjoy a voyage through a sea of flowers

Antique Merry-Go-Round - Experience more than 100 years of tradition on this classic carousel

City-Jet - This is the top gun for all daredevil pilots of all ages

Kids Only - With the Glacier Express, Holly's Minicars, Holly's Honey Jar, Dance of the Bumble Bees, Pirate Raft and Holly's Lagoon, kids are sure to have a good time



Tiffany Jensen, 8, gets to drive in Holly's Mini Cars at Holiday Park in Hassloch on her birthday. This ride is found in the park's Children's World, which will be open throughout October.

Holiday Park offers roller coasters, castle, reaturants - Halloween style

by Christine June
USAG Kaiserslautern

As a self-proclaimed roller coaster enthusiast, Air Force Capt. Scott Jensen says the Expedition GeForce at Holiday Park is one of the best coasters he has ever experienced.

"I've been on many roller coasters all over the U.S., and this one has sudden changes in direction and speed starting at the very beginning," said Jensen, from Ramstein Air Base, who visited Holiday Park for the first time this summer to celebrate his daughter's eighth birthday. "It's a very smooth ride, but it definitely grabs your attention."

Deemed as "A World of Fun so Close to You," Holiday Park in Hassloch is about 20 minutes from Mannheim, 30 minutes from Heidelberg and an hour from Kaiserslautern.

"I had a lot of fun," said Tiffany Jensen, who added that this was the best birthday party so far. "My favorite was the water rides. I went on them and on them."

Shocktober 2007 is happening now at the amusement park culminating with a Halloween party Oct. 31.

The park will be decorated with skeletons, luminescent pumpkin heads and shadowy light effects in trees and

bushes, and its three restaurants will serve dishes fit for spooks and goblins of every age. Naturally, the park's Castle Falkenstein will be all aglow with Halloween fun during Shocktober.

The park's 23 rides and several attractions including seven shows are scattered throughout its almost 100-acre landscape. The park and most of its rides and attractions are open until Halloween.

One of the exceptions is the water-ski stunt show, which has its last performance Oct. 30. According to the park's official Web site, this is the only professional water-ski stunt show in Europe.

Athletes from Australia, Canada, United States, Africa and Germany have performed at the park's aqua stadium. The action-packed and slapstick show takes place on a more than seven-acre lake.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of water-ski entertainment here, and the park is celebrating this birthday with a new show called "The Curse of the Pirates."

Other shows like the "Woman of Steel" and "Crocodile Diana Show" are open through October. Children's World with its Adventure Castle and Holly's Jungle also remains open.

OCTOBERhours

Daily: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. with admission until 4 p.m.

Saturdays: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. with admission until 6 p.m.

Halloween: 10 a.m.-midnight with admission until 8:15 p.m., riding attractions until 9 p.m. and Halloween party until midnight

Discounts: Wear a costume during Shocktober and receive a €2 discount when you purchase a ticket at the park. United Service Organizations throughout Europe offer discount tickets for Holiday Park.

Details: www.holidaypark.de

leisure events

ON THE MUSIC SCENE

Cool Breeze blows into Walldorf

by Anita Köhler
Special to the Herald-Post

Stefan + Fabian + Sten = Cool Breeze.
Cool Breeze equals 30 years of rock and pop history as well as the band's own song creations. The performance giving you goose bumps while listening. Remakes of well-known classics are unforgettable when you hear them performed by the three Cool Breeze voices.
With pure acoustic guitar sound, Cool Breeze didn't only touch my sense of music, this band touched my soul.
Cool Breeze is an unplugged guitar trio that focuses on vocal performance. Fabian and Stefan have existed as a duo since 1994. When Sten joined the band in 2001, the

duo became a trio. The crew performs songs by Simon and Garfunkel, Robbie Williams, Sting, James Taylor, Queen, The Beatles, Eric Clapton and more.
Sten is an well-known song writer who increased the band's song repertoire by adding self-written creations.
Cool Breeze performs regularly at Session in Walldorf. Here you can enjoy unplugged music within a relaxed atmosphere. For the €5 admission fee, you receive more than two hours of live music.
The next concerts at Session Kulturwerk are scheduled for Oct. 28 and Nov. 25 starting at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at the door.
For more information, visit www.cool-breeze.de.

October 4

Cello Festival - Benefit concerts in Frankfurt through Oct. 7. www.kronbergacademy.de.
Enjoy Jazz - Through Nov. 10, visit venues in Heidelberg, Mannheim and Ludwigshafen for the Ninth International Festival for Jazz. www.enjoyjazz.de.

October 5

Holiday Bazaar - Visit Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg for the Holiday Bazaar through Oct. 8. Credit cards will be accepted at this event. www.hcsc-heidelberg.com.
R&B Night - Dance to the beats of DJ Sweet 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Kazabra Club in Kaiserslautern, Building 2057. DSN 489-7751, civilian 0631-536-7261.
Cirque du Soleil - Delirium is a live multi-media experience featuring an international cast of eight musicians, 11 dancers, six singers, eight acrobats and three actors. See Delirium in Mannheim through Oct. 6 or head to Cologne Nov. 2-3. www.cirquedusoleil.com. Tickets: www.eventim.de.
Jazz Forum - Darmstadt, Central Station, Im Carree. www.centralticket.de.
Prague Weekend- Kaiserslautern Army Outdoor Recreation. DSN 489-7761, civilian 0631-536-7751.
Festival of One Act Plays & Theater Workshops Weekend- Roadside Theater, Building 109, Patton Barracks, Heidelberg.

October 6

Trout Fishing - Kaiserslautern Army Outdoor Recreation. DSN 489-7761, civilian 0631-536-7751.
Venice Overnight - Head to Italy with the USO. DSN 385-3195, civilian 0621-730-3195.
Swinging Tuxedos - Enjoy Latin, swing and funk dancing at 8:30 p.m. at the Darmstadt Jazz Club. www.jazzclub-darmstadt.de.
Disneyland Paris - Kaiserslautern Army Outdoor Recreation. DSN 489-7761, civilian 0631-536-7751.

October 7

Flea Market - At Karolinenplatz in Darmstadt. Also takes place Oct. 14.
Canoe Trip- Kaiserslautern Army Outdoor Recreation. DSN 489-7761, civilian 0631-536-7751.
Family Bingo- 3-7 p.m. Fun for the whole family. Kazabra Club Building 2057 DSN 489-7751, civilian 0631-536-7261.

October 9

International Film Festival - In Heidelberg and Mannheim through Oct. 21. The festival focuses on young directors from across the world and their debut works. Civilian 0621-156-0153, www.mannheim-filmfestival.com.
Celtic Woman Songs and Show - 8 p.m. in Frankfurt. www.jahrhunderthalle.de.

October 12

Medieval Fair - Through Oct. 14 in Darmstadt-Eberstadt. www.darmstadt.de.
Fellbach Autumn Fest - Visit Fellbach through Oct. 15 for one of the biggest thanks giving, home and wine

festivals in Southern Germany. Civilian 0711-585-1432. www.fellbach.de.
Paris Weekend, France- Kaiserslautern Army Outdoor Recreation. DSN 489-7761, civilian 0631-536-7751.
Swiss Alps Adventure Weekend- Kaiserslautern Army Outdoor Recreation. DSN 489-7761, civilian 0631-536-7751.

October 13

Navy Ball - The United States Navy is celebrating its 232nd birthday at 6 p.m. at Grundriss Stadthalle Singelefingen in Stuttgart. The "Heroes of Freedom" Navy Ball tickets are on sale now. DSN 430-5395.
Indoor Climbing Adventure - Join Mannheim Outdoor Recreation at the Indoor Climbing Center to learn the thrills of beginning to advanced climbing. Pre-registration required. DSN 381-7215, civilian 0621-730-7232.
International Book Fair - 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. in Frankfurt. www.buchmesse.de.

October 19

"The Complete History of America (abridged)" - At Kaiserslautern Military Community Onstage through Nov. 4. A zany look at American history, by Adam Long, Reed Martin and Austin Tichenor. Complete schedule available at: www.mwrgermany.com. Kleber Kaserne, Building 3232. DSN 483-6626, civilian 0631-411-6626.

October 20

Haunted Castle - Take a trip to Frankenstein Castle as fog wafts around the rocks and monsters emerge from their hiding places. Departs Mannheim's Shuh Theater at 4 p.m. DSN 381-7215, civilian 0621-730-7232.
La Boheme - The Heidelberg City Theater's opera season opens with Pucini's La Boheme. Civilian 06221-58-20000, www.theaterheidelberg.de, www.heidelberg-ticket.de.

October 27

Giant Indoor Flea Market - 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Building 237, Rhine Ordnance Barracks, Kaiserslautern. DSN 489-7751, civilian 06371-536-7751.

Ongoing

Oktoberfest - Visit Munich through Oct. 7 for the 174th Münchner Oktoberfest. www.oktoberfest.de. The USO offers weekend tours to this world-renowned event. Seats fill up quickly. USO DSN 385-3195, civilian 0621-730-3195.
Homo Heidelbergensis - The evolutionary history of mankind is a fascinating topic on one in which "Homo heidelbergensis" plays an important role. this primeval man lived around 600,000 years ago by the river Neckar. The lower jaw was found in October 1907. To mark the 100th anniversary of its discovery, an exhibition is being held through Nov. 25 in the Heid'shen Haus in Heidelberg. Civilian 06226-9719315, www.homoheidelbergensis.de.
World's Largest Pumpkin Exhibition - Through November, the pumpkin sale offers a unique variety of

Movies

Movies are subject to change by local theater without notice. For a recorded daily schedule, call the numbers listed next to each theater.

Patrick Henry Village,
Heidelberg
06221-27-238

Oct. 4 - Resident Evil: Extinction (R) 7 p.m.
Oct. 5 - The Kingdom (R) 6:30 p.m.; The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.
Oct. 6 - No Reservation (PG) 2 p.m.; The Game Plan (PG) 5 p.m.; The Kingdom (R) 9:30 p.m.
Oct. 7 - No Reservations (PG) 2 p.m.; The Kingdom (R) 5 p.m.
Oct. 8 - The Game Plan (PG) 7 p.m.
Oct. 9 - The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Oct. 10 - Rescue Dawn (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Oct. 11 - No Reservations (PG) 7 p.m.

Schuh Theater, Mannheim
0621-730-1790

Oct. 4 - Who's Your Caddy? (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Oct. 5 - The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13) 7 p.m.; Resident Evil: Extinction (R) 10 p.m.
Oct. 6 - No Reservations (PG) 1:30 p.m.; Rescue Dawn (PG-13) 4 p.m.; The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13) 7 p.m.; Resident Evil: Extinction (R) 10 p.m.
Oct. 7 - No Reservations (PG) 2 p.m.; The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13) 4:30 p.m.; Resident Evil: Extinction (R) 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 8 - The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13) 2 p.m.; Resident Evil: Extinction (R) 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 9 - The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Oct. 10 - Resident Evil: Extinction (R) 7 p.m.

Cambrai, Darmstadt
06151-69-1790

Oct. 5 - Death Sentence (R) 7 p.m.
Oct. 6 - The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13) 4 p.m.; Rescue Dawn (PG-13) 7 p.m.
Oct. 7 - No Reservations (PG) 4 p.m.

COMMUNITYdetails

For more events and information about services and construction in and around Heidelberg, click "Community Electronic Update" at www.heidelberg.army.mil.

To learn more about upcoming events and other important information in the Hedielerberg community, attend the monthly Community Update in the Village Pavilion on Patrick Henry Village. The next update is scheduled for Oct. 10 at 9 a.m.

selected squashes, many delicacies are also offered in the pumpkin shop. A total of more than 450 different kinds from all over the world can be admired. Ludwigsburg Blühendes Barock Park. www.blueba.de.
Beauty in Ancient Egypt - Head to Karlsruhe through January to see more than 400 objects that illustrate the subject of "beauty" with its many implications in Ancient Egypt. Exhibition in the Badisches Landmuseum in the schloss. Civilian 0721-926-2828, www.landmuseum.de.
The Black Forest Girl - The special exhibition, through Nov. 4, in the Vogtsbauernhof Black Forest open-air museum focuses on an icon of the Black Forest cultural landscape: The Black Forest girl. Civilian 07831-93560, www.vogtsbauernhof.org.
Constantine the Great - Head to Trier through Nov. 4 to see treasured exhibits that document the life of Constantine and his pivotal role in the history of Europe. About 1,400 showpeices from 160 internationally renowned museums are on display. New find from ancient Trier will be seen in public for the first time, providing visitors with a comprehensive image of this eventful age. Civilian 065-978-080, www.trier.de/tourismus.